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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PHOTOISOMERIZE A RECORDING LAYER
WITH A POLARIZING ROTARY DEVICE (AS AMENDED)



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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to --APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PHOTOISOMERIZE
A RECORDING LAYER WITH A POLARIZING ROTARY DEVICE--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 26, 30, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43, 46, 49 and 52-55 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An optical recording medium comprising at least one optical recording layer, the optical recording layer including an optical recording material that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence in response to a recording light that is controlled to rotate a polarization angle of the recording light, a portion of the recording layer